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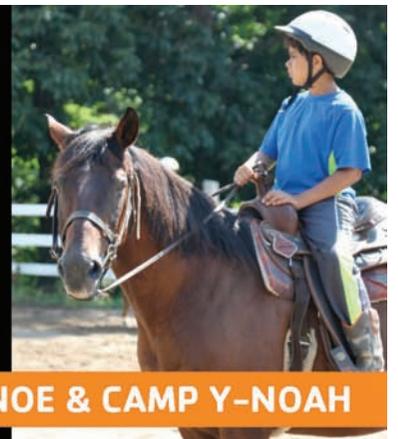
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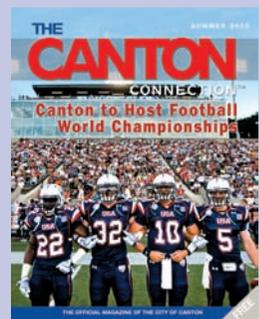
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About the Cover
U.S. National Team captains stand midfield for the opening coin toss of the 2009 IFAF Junior World Championship. Team captains include (from left) David Wilson, Storm Klein, Bryce Petty and Jordan Lynch.



Dear Residents,

There's nothing quite like summertime in Canton, Ohio. Annual events such as Vintage Canton, the Canton Blues Festival, farmers markets, the Greek Fest, music concerts, First Fridays, Hall of Fame Festivities, movies at the Palace, and sporting events are ready to kick off the summer, along with so many other events throughout the city. With such a variety of activities, there is truly something for everyone to take part in this summer.

In addition to the annual events that Canton hosts every year, we are excited to be adding "A Monumental 4th," which is a Fourth of July festival in Monument Park with art and food vendors, presentations from the MAPS Air Museum, and performances from local musicians and the nationally recognized Canton Bluecoats. We are also excited to be hosting the IFAF World Championships in July where USA Football will compete against seven other countries to be crowned world champions. You will find more information about each of these events in this issue of The Canton Connection.

Also in this issue, you will find updates from each of our city departments. These departments work diligently to make sure great things are happening in Canton. You will read about updates to our water facilities, new parks and recreation programs, partnerships with our Police Department and the community, along with the many other accomplishments and projects throughout our city departments.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time by phone, e-mail, or in person whenever you have questions, need to request city services, or would like to share information about your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your mayor.

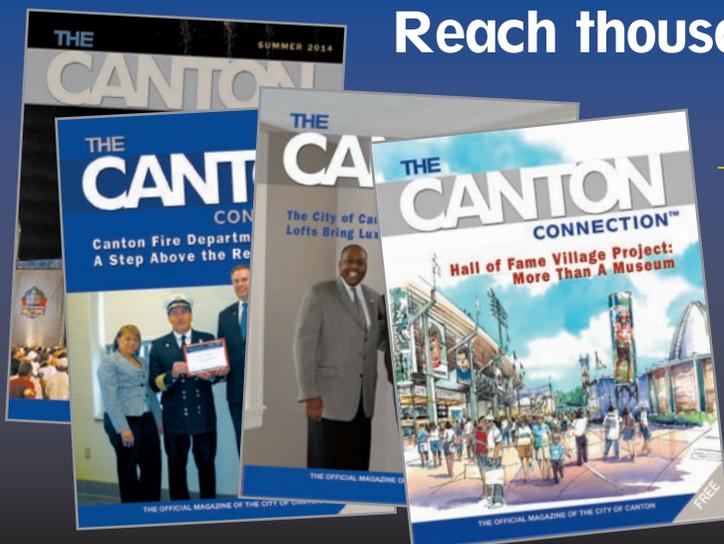


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Stark County Vet Center Hosts Grand Opening



CHELSEA PERRY//MANAGING EDITOR,
THE CANTON CONNECTION

The Vietnam War officially ended in 1975, but for many service members that war was far from over. Many Veterans were experiencing lingering problems that were a result of having served in this war.

The United States saw a need to assist these war Veterans with readjustment to civilian life, so in 1979, Congress established the Vet Center Program as a way to provide readjustment counseling services to Combat Veterans. This

need continues today and is provided for all Veterans who were deployed to a war zone.



On May 8, 2015, the Stark County Vet Center held its grand opening in Canton. It serves 11 Ohio counties.

This center, located at 601 Cleveland Ave. NW, provides FREE services to Veterans who served in war zones and their families. Services include counseling for PTSD, readjustment issues, bereavement, Military Sexual Trauma, supportive intervention to maintain sobriety, and referrals. The Vet Center offers individual, couples/marital, family and group counseling. Another service offered is community outreach, and the Stark County Vet Center has the addition of a Mobile Vet Center to aid in this service.

The staff at the Vet Center includes two licensed social workers, a licensed marriage and family therapist, the office manager and the MVC Tech. The team is led by Patrick Smith, a licensed social worker and a Vietnam Veteran.

The mission of the Vet Center Program is to "serve Veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care that adds value for Veterans, families, and communities."

For more information, contact the Stark County Vet Center at 330.454.3120, or visit vetcenter.va.gov. ♦



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StarkFresh Summer 2015



TOM PHILLIPS//STARKFRESH COORDINATOR, JRC

StarkFresh is a JRC program with the goal to increase people's access to and consumption of fresh, affordable, locally-sourced foods.

We believe in facilitating community and agency collaborations in order to accomplish this goal.

StarkFresh has several large-scale projects in the works for 2015. The StarkFresh Urban Teaching Farm, located on Winfield Way NE, is open to the public and will feature over 30 unique urban gardening methods. A bevy of local and regional experts will offer over 80 workshops and classes at the farm in 2015 to anyone interested in learning.

The StarkFresh Corridor Farmers' Market will operate Thursdays from 3pm to 6pm between July 9 and October 1.

Located at 1500 Superior Avenue NE, the market offers affordable fresh food, baked goods and an assortment of natural and handcrafted items for sale. The market also features live music, cooking demonstrations, health checks, and children's activities. Customers can make purchases using cash, SNAP Benefits, Ohio WIC Farmer's Market Coupons and Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers. The StarkFresh Corridor Farmers' Market is the only market in Stark County permitted to accept SNAP benefits.

For more information about StarkFresh, contact Tom Phillips at 330.455.3873. You can also find more information on Facebook at [facebook.com/starkfresh](https://www.facebook.com/starkfresh). ♦




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Hunger at Home Campaign



SARA DIERINGER//EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, STARK COUNTY HUNGER TASK FORCE

The Stark County Hunger Task Force (SCHTF), an independent support organization for more than 30 local food pantries, is launching its first annual hunger-fighting campaign. The Hunger at Home Campaign is a response to the harsh reality of hunger in this community, and to the staggering increase in need we've witnessed in the past four years alone.

Hunger lives right here in Stark County. One in six Stark County residents struggle to satisfy even their basic nutritional needs, let alone the

health and well-being of themselves and their families. Even more overwhelming is that one in every four of our children live in households where they can't rely on enough food to keep them healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

In 2010, the SCHTF and our pantries served an average of 15,000 people each month. Four short years later, we provide a free, three to five day supply of groceries to over 27,000 hungry men, women, and children every month -- an 80% increase in services to answer the need of our

neighbors with compassionate action.

We must react to this increase now, and do so with compassion. But to adequately meet the demand for food assistance, and those in our growing food pantry network, we need your help.

From June 1 through August 31, the Stark County Hunger Task Force invites all in Stark County to help fight local hunger -- Hunger At Home. With every dollar donated, you can provide up to seven pounds of food for our hungry neighbors. For more information, visit starkhunger.org. ♦

Vassar Park Neighborhood Association



TOM PHILLIPS//PRESIDENT, VASSAR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Vassar Park Neighborhood Association (VPNA) has several large projects in the works. Perhaps the most exciting is the outreach to individuals who are wanting to increase participation in their neighborhoods or start neighborhood groups to rebuild their communities. We have found that inspiring residents through positive measures, rather than focusing on negatives, quickly creates a

“buy-in” and unity among neighbors.

In addition to our neighborhood garden, we are increasing sidewalk strip art gardens through the neighborhood, planting fruit trees to create “snacking trails,” carving a mural in a large tree stump at Vassar Hill Park, hosting BBQ cookouts, movies in the park, and so much more. Drive through and see what we have been doing! ♦



TimeBank Exchanges Service for Service

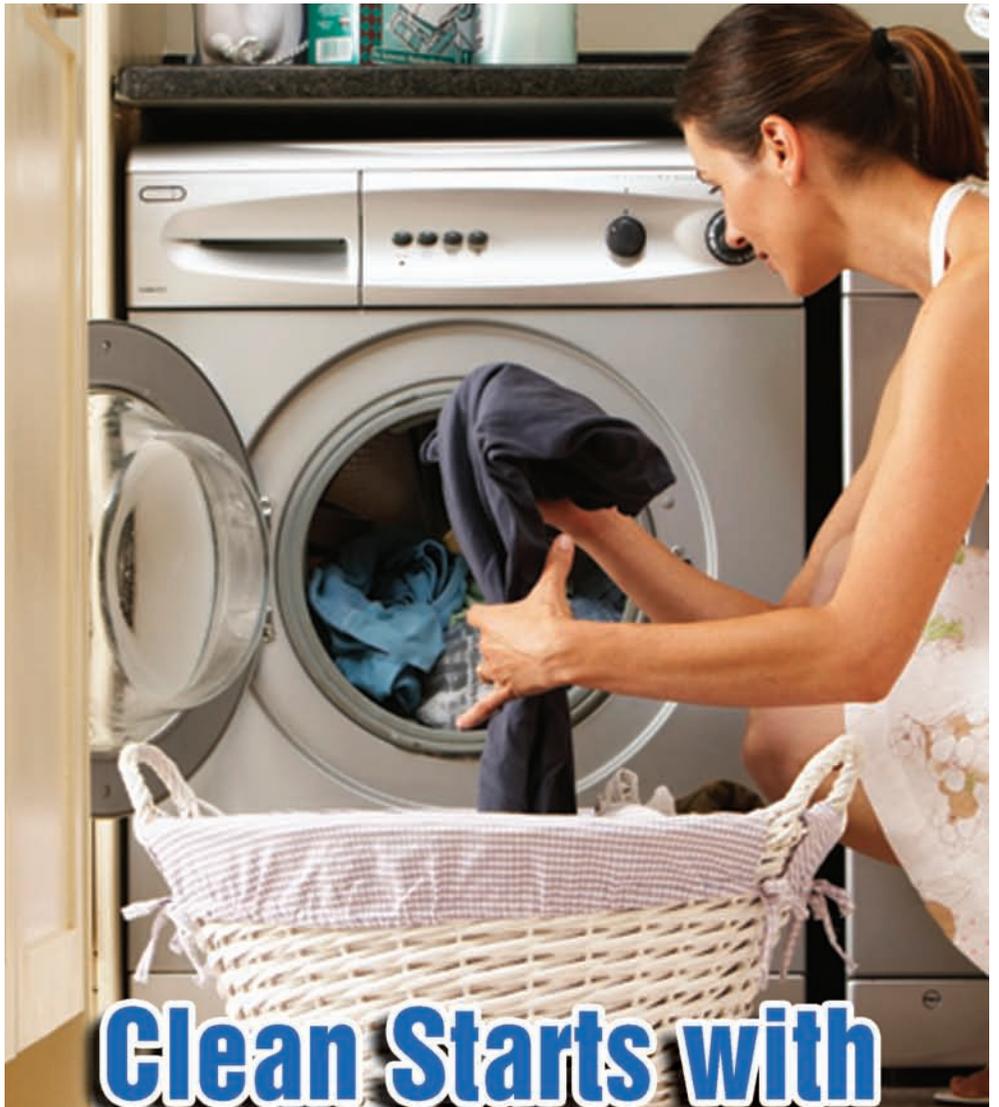


TOM PHILLIPS//EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY TIMEBANK

The Crooked River Alliance of TimeBanks (CRAT) is a “community building program where we exchange our skills, talents, and passions.” In 2014, the Stark County Community TimeBank, a “hub” of CRAT, opened and is continuing to gain members. This no-cost group is bringing back a close-knit sense of community, built upon the premise that we all need to start trusting each other once again in order to thrive. To join, all one needs to do is be willing to trust in and help out others in need. The ultimate goal of the TimeBank is to allow its members to feel a sense of community.

Once a month, the TimeBank hosts fun community events where all are welcome, such as the Local Food Swap which is held the second Tuesday of the month, and a Homebrew Exchange which is held the fourth Tuesday of the month. Both events are held at Deli Ohio in Downtown Canton.

Monthly informational meetings are held at various locations throughout the area for individuals that are interested in joining the TimeBank. For more information, feel free to contact the Stark County Community TimeBank at scctimebank@gmail.com. ♦



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Canton Parks & Recreation: New Logo, New Programs



GREG MYTINGER//RECREATION DIRECTOR, CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Canton Joint Recreation District and the Canton Parks Department are taking strides to merge into one department, the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, by 2017. In anticipation of this new and exciting merger, we are proud to announce the launch of the new department's logo as part of the ongoing evolution of the department's brand.

When residents see this logo, they can be guaranteed that they will receive quality service, exceptional parks and facilities, and customer-focused recreational programs. The department's new logo can be found on all Canton Parks and Recreation Department flyers, promotional materials, website, and proudly worn by the department's dedicated staff members.

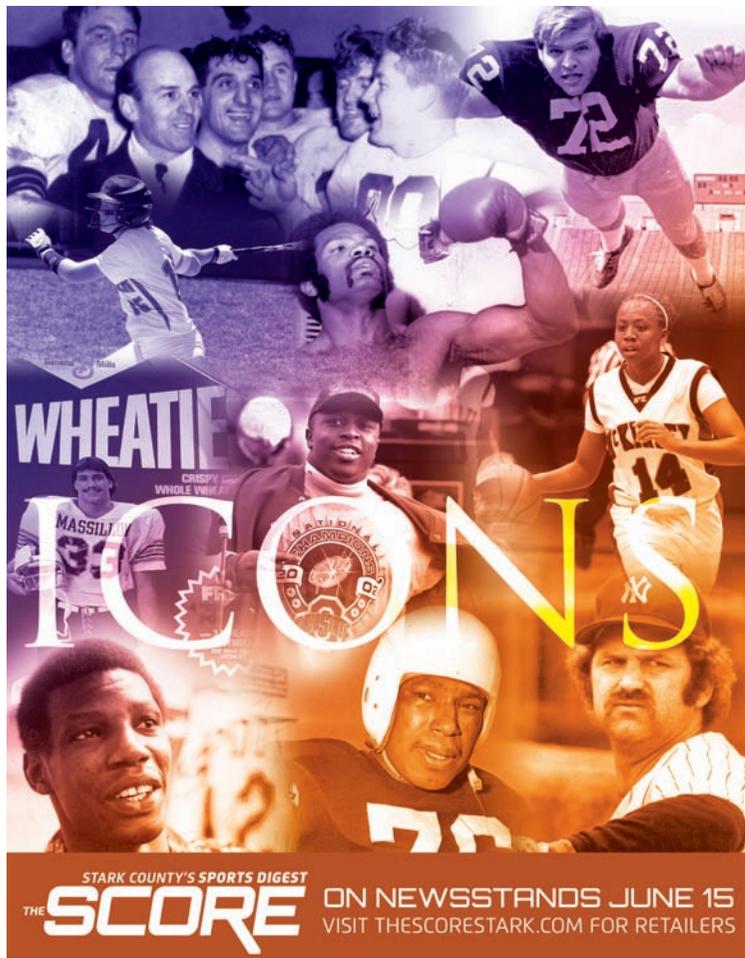
In the upcoming months, the department will begin promoting new and exciting programs and opportunities for all Canton residents. This includes the highly-anticipated Kayak Canton!

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department recently received a \$24,000 Boating Safety Education Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that will fund the program.

Kayak Canton kicked off its pilot year on May 16 at Westbrook Park. Parks and Recreation staff members were on hand to introduce participants to the sport of kayaking. After an introduction to the watercraft and a quick safety briefing, participants were able to enter the water and kayak through the pond. For many, this was their first experience in a kayak.

This was the first of seven different classes that will be offered throughout 2015 for kayakers with varying experience.

As the Canton Parks and Recreation Department grows and evolves over the next few years, residents can expect to see multiple improvements throughout the parks, programming offered, and services provided. We are proud of our rich history and extremely excited about what the future holds for the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. ♦



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Collection Systems Department Embarks on Large Scale Project



**JAMES DIMARZIO//SUPERINTENDENT,
COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

The City of Canton is embarking on a large-scale plan to assess the wastewater flows in the sanitary sewer system with the goal to better understand the fluctuation in flows throughout the day and seasonally, as well as the impact on the existing pipe capacity. This will allow the city to proactively maximize future investments in the sewer system and prioritize problem areas.

The first step in this plan is to install over 50 flow monitors and seven rain gauges for three months throughout the city's sewers. The flow monitors must be installed in the actual sewer pipes, so residents may see a flow monitoring team opening manholes to access data and inspect the sewers. As the data is collected, it is reviewed to ensure that quality flow data has been gathered, and to identify any suspected flows. For example, bricks, rags, and garbage that enter the sewer system can wreak havoc, not only on the flow monitors, but on the capacity of the pipes causing backups.

The flow monitoring data can also identify areas within the city's sewer system that experience significant inflow during rainfall events; even though the city's sewer system is for sanitary flow only, rainfall does sneak in due to the age of the system.

The flow monitoring system will also allow the city to develop a computer model of the sewer system to further evaluate the impacts of system improvements and optimize the use of capital improvement dollars for years to come. ♦

Canton Water Department Seeks Better Efficiency, Functionality



**TYLER CONVERSE//SUPERINTENDENT,
CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT**

It's an exciting time at the Canton Water Department. We have recently hired our first Geographical Information System (GIS) coordinator in the CWD Engineering Sub-Department. Interactive GIS mapping will be the centerpiece of our water distribution system decision-making processes, and will be a wealth of readily available information for supervisors and crewmembers in the field.

Having begun in earnest during the summer of 2014, the Water Meter and Meter Transmitting Unit Replacement Program has hit full stride. As of publication, well over 50% of the project's residential and commercial meters 1.5 inches and smaller have been replaced. Professional Meter Installation (PMI) has been contracted for this project, and they have partnered with certified plumbers from Local Trade Union 94. Both have done an exemplary job thus far, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

The 1.5 million gallon Brentwood water storage tower recently received a fresh coat of paint. Painters hung precariously from cables affixed to the top of the 170-foot structure to prepare and apply the exterior coating to the tower's surface. The final product appears to have turned out very well and should protect the metal for another 15 years.

CWD is continuing with the Valve Maintenance Program which began in 2013. In 2014, 1,700 of the remaining 8,700 valves 12 inches and smaller were located by GPS and operated to ensure functionality. Of those, approximately 20% were found to need some level of remedial work. The intent is to work 2,330 valves per year for each of the next three years in an effort to complete this program by 2018.

We are continuing with the philosophy of aggressively reinvesting in Canton's water system, while providing an abundant source of safe, high-quality drinking water, below average rates, and outstanding customer service. Our greatest challenge is this: how can we take a project that used to take 20 years to complete, and complete it within the next five to seven years? With the right staff, support, information, and focus, it can be done. It is truly an exciting and historic time in the Canton Water Department. ♦

Home Rule in Ohio



JOE MARTUCCIO// LAW DIRECTOR, CANTON LAW DEPARTMENT

As the Fourth of July approaches, remember the case for local self-government that was argued to the world in the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

In light of recent court rulings regarding traffic camera citations and “fracking,” you may wonder how much authority cities have to make laws concerning their citizens, and to what extent the state can trump them.

Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution gives “home rule” to Ohio cities. It provides that “Municipalities shall have authority to exercise all powers of local self-government and to adopt and enforce within their limits such as local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations, as are not in conflict with general laws.” But how does one know if an ordinance conflicts with general laws? Generally, the question is whether the ordinance prohibits that which the state statute permits, or vice versa.

For example, many years ago Canton did not want to add fluoride to its drinking water, but the courts held that the state statute requiring the addition of fluoride prevailed.

In 2006, Ohio passed a law prohibiting residency requirements for city employees, overruling about 100 city ordinances, including Canton. Some cities sued, but the Supreme Court held that the state law controlled over the city ordinances. Likewise, in 2008 the Supreme Court held that a city ordinance prohibiting concealed weapons in city parks was also void. Just a few months ago, a divided Supreme Court held that cities were prohibited from enforcing zoning ordinances that conflicted with state law that governed “all aspects” of gas well drilling and waste disposal.

As you can see, the trend appears to be that the Legislature and Supreme Court are watering down cities’ home rule authority in favor of a more perceived uniformity.

Happy Independence Day. ♦



A MONUMENTAL 4TH

Fourth of July Celebration Returns to McKinley National Memorial



DEREK GORDON// PARKS DIRECTOR, CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City of Canton, Canton Parks and Recreation, and ArtsinStark are pleased to bring the annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks back to the McKinley National Memorial. The event, known as “A Monumental 4th” will take place on Saturday, July 4 and will stretch between Monument Park at 12th St. NW and the McKinley National Memorial grounds.

This year, a family-friendly festival will accompany the event beginning at 4pm in Monument Park. The festival will include live entertainment featuring local artists Kelly Williams, Hey Monea, and the winner of the Canton Idol contest. A variety of food vendors and community partners will provide an array of family-friendly activities.

The event will be highlighted with a performance by the Canton Bluecoats at 8pm at the base of the McKinley National Memorial stairs. The performance will also feature a tribute to three local veterans presented by MAPS Air Museum at 9:15pm before the fireworks display at 10pm. Details of all activities and entertainment will be available and updated on our website at cantonohio.gov/parksandrecreation. The event can also be followed on Facebook and Twitter @Monumental4th.

For additional information, contact the Canton Parks and Recreation Offices at 330.456.4521. ♦

Body Cameras are Live



CAPTAIN JACK ANGELO// CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

In March of this year, the Canton Police Department instituted a body worn camera deployment. Over a span of several months, all uniformed officers will be issued a body camera to be worn during their shifts. All officers have been trained on the use of the body cameras during the department's annual 40-hour in-service training.

The Canton Police Department spent over 18 months evaluating the need for video evidence; either continuing to use in-car video systems that were in need of replacement, or switching to body worn cameras. During the process, it was determined that the body worn cameras best fit the needs of the

Police Department and the community.

Officers are instructed to turn on the cameras when they receive a call from dispatch, or any time they have contact with the public. These videos are downloaded and saved as

evidence, should the need arise. If the videos are deemed not necessary, they are disposed of through a state-approved evidence retention schedule.

These cameras allow for more accurate reports and better evidence. These videos can also be used to substantiate or refute complaints against officers. Body worn cameras are being adopted nationwide, not only for accountability, but to assist with officer and public safety. ♦




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Outdoor Fires in Canton



LINDA MORCKEL// AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION, CANTON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Now that warm weather is here, many residents are ready to have outdoor fires. Before you burn, make sure you know the city and state rules.

RECREATIONAL FIRES ARE ALLOWED IF THESE RULES ARE FOLLOWED:

- Request a permit from the Fire Prevention Bureau at 330.489.3400
- The fire is not within 25 feet of any structure
- The fire is not larger than 2x2x2 feet
- The fire lasts no longer than three hours, and is extinguished by 11pm
- Only cleaned, seasoned firewood is burned
- The fire is not used for waste disposal

Rules in italics are stricter than the EPA's open burning regulations and are specific to the City of Canton only.

DO NOT BURN:

- Plywood, paneling, furniture, painted wood, treated wood (these contain adhesives, chemicals, and/or stains that are harmful to your health when burned)

- Agricultural wastes, yard wastes, and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, and shrubs
- Materials containing rubber, grease, and asphalt or items made from petroleum, such as tires, cars, and auto parts, plastics, and plastic-coated tires
- Garbage (wastes from handling, preparing, cooking, or consuming food)

Items that cannot be burned should be disposed of properly or recycled when possible. For a list of recycling sites and yard waste drop-offs throughout the county, visit timetorecycle.org.

Canton APCD has been delegated by the Ohio EPA to implement and enforce the state's open burning regulations within Stark County. These regulations protect the public and environment. Canton APCD works collaboratively with the Canton Fire Department to ensure residents follow city and state regulations. If you have any questions about open burning regulations, please contact the Canton City Health Department's Air Pollution Control Division at 330.489.3385. ♦

Police Team Up With Kids To Play Baseball, Golf



CAPTAIN JACK ANGELO// CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Canton Police Department is teaming up with two unique sports organizations, and will be spending the summer teaching kids throughout the community lessons such as integrity, confidence, community, safety, teamwork, communication, respect, and leadership.

BADGES FOR BASEBALL



Badges for Baseball began as a collaborative effort between the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation and the U.S. Department of Justice as a juvenile crime prevention initiative. The program works to create and foster relationships

between law enforcement officers and children in underserved communities. Officers become coaches and use an athletics platform to teach valuable life lessons.

The Canton Police Department receives a grant from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation that is matched by the Ohio Attorney General's Office in order to administer the program. They are set to begin their fourth season.

The program began by just playing baseball, but now includes other activities such as basketball, kickball, and even planting a community garden. The Police Department purchased much needed equipment and uniforms to offset the cost of participating in community leagues in an effort to allow

more kids to continue participating in athletic programs, and keep them off the street.

For the past three years, the Police Department has taken three to five kids to the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Baseball Camp; this is a one-week, all expenses paid trip, and is chaperoned by a Canton Police Officer.

THE FIRST TEE OF CANTON



In addition to Badges for Baseball, the Canton Police Department and The First Tee of Canton are also teaming up this summer.

On August 14, the Canton Police Department will be participating in a golf program with local youth. The day begins at 9am when the kids will be paired up with a police officer. Throughout the day, the kids will learn the fundamentals of golf and be able to practice their new skills on the putting green and nine-hole course.

Flyers will be distributed to several local schools for children ages 9-12. Only 40 spots are available. Golf clubs, food, and drinks will be provided.

For more information about each of these programs, feel free to contact the Police Department at 330.489.3100 or on Facebook at facebook.com/cantonpd. ♦



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Canton Named Tree City USA



DAN MOEGLIN, PE,SI // CANTON CITY ENGINEER

In addition to the many designations that Canton is known for, such as “Birthplace of the NFL,” “Home of President McKinley,” and “Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame,” we can add one more to the list: Tree City USA. As a result of the efforts of Canton’s Tree Commission, both City Council and the Administration, our Law, Engineering, Street, and Parks and Recreation Departments, and our friends and partners at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the American Electric Power Company, and Habitat for Humanity, we have been able to document/quantify our accomplishments and have been honored with this designation for the first time.

So what did Canton do to achieve this honor? First, we updated our tree ordinance and licensing requirements for all tree contractors operating in the city. We successfully held our first annual Arbor Day celebration and began to educate our community on the importance of our urban forest. We performed over 550 hazardous tree removals, and we planted almost 190 new trees consisting of both seedlings and saplings in parks and streetscapes along our gateway corridors.

Young tree maintenance also occupied much of our time. To ensure the health, survival, and long term viability of our trees, it takes proper planting, watering, and pruning. Some

may wonder if this approach really makes sense. As a testimonial to the value of proper planting and watering trees until they are established, here are the facts:

In 2013, before we instituted these procedures, 14 of the 66 streetscape trees planted died. This is a 21% mortality rate. In 2014, only 1 out of 34 planted died for a 3% mortality rate. This 18% reduction is significant and translates into dollars saved.

Another testimony to the success and fiscal benefit of our efforts is in the areas of hazardous tree removal. In 2013 the Street Department responded to 62 emergency downed-tree situations. In 2014, that number dropped to 35. While weather from year to year certainly plays a role in these numbers, simple logic says that the more aged, deteriorated, and hazardous trees that are removed, the fewer will fall during severe weather events. That improves safety and saves money and time of both city and utility crews who are often required to respond. Since many severe weather events often happen during off hours, this saves overtime expense and reduces disruption to scheduled duties.

A healthy urban forest saves money, improves the environment, and enhances the aesthetics of our city making Canton a more “livable community.” So, congratulations to all of us in Canton, Tree City USA! ♦

Music in the Summer



JUDI CHRISTY//MARKETING DIRECTOR, ARTSINSTARK

Summer is certainly the time to open the windows and crank up the tunes, especially when the licks and kicks are coming from Canton musicians. This year, ArtsinStark is all about pumping up the jams – the J-Jams, their signature live-at-lunch music series every Wednesday, at noon, at the Cultural Center for the Arts. These FREE events are under-cover and outside, under the covered portico between the Cultural and Civic Centers. Parking is also free, as well as the brown bag goodies that you're encouraged to bring. However, food will be available for purchase on site.

The lineup includes Pat Masalko, "Saxy Rob" Thompson, the duo of Joe Waller and Jimmy Chesterfield, the Canton Blue Coats alumni jazz band and the Dover High School Steel Drum Band. Complete details can be found on ArtsinStark.com/jjams.

Then in August, the beat picks up at Market Square for the Live at Lunch series in the City's green space between 3rd and 4th streets. Occurring every Wednesday at noon, the series is FREE as is the mood. Get out of the office and get ready to dance and enjoy the warm breezes in this picnic table oasis. The series continues through September, with the line-up posted on CantonArtsDistrict.com

But don't let Wednesdays have all the fun. Live Music Saturdays return to the Historic Music Block in the downtown Canton Arts District, as Buzzbin, Cultured Coffee and George's Lounge prove once again that three's the right company to bring an eclectic mix of musicians, comics, art demonstrations and more to the Canton Arts District. Again, look for details at cantonartsdistrict.com ♦



School of Canton Ballet Now Enrolling Summer Classes



JEANNE COEN// MARKETING DIRECTOR, CANTON BALLET

Canton Ballet summer classes are a great way for current students to maintain their levels of training and for new students to enter the ballet school program. Classes for all ages, toddlers to adults, are offered once a week on Wednesdays for two 4-week sessions, June 17 to July 8 and July 15 to August 5. The program includes a full range of classical ballet plus other dance styles. Pianists accompany all ballet classes. Registration is open for new and continuing students. View special discounts and register online at cantonballet.com or call 330.455.7220. ♦



Canton First Fridays

ALLISON ROWE//ARTSINSTARK

Summer is here and it's time to celebrate the arts, starting with the FREE family festival, Canton First Friday. It starts off at First Stop at the Canton Museum of Art at 5:30pm, followed by the official downtown event from 6-10pm. This event happens rain or shine, so get ready for all that downtown has to offer!

On June 5 see how Downtown Canton transforms into Downtown Oz, as the theme is "No Place Like Home." Follow the yellow brick road to different art galleries and studios, restaurants, and bars that are sure to make you feel as if you are in Oz. Catch the free family flick, *The Wizard of Oz* at the Palace Theatre at 7:30pm, or stick around to hear Shallow Wake rock 4th Street from 8-10pm. There will be plenty of family fun to be had including a balloon bender, free caricatures of you as an Ozian, and over 30 nonprofits offering free kids' art activities.

The Canton Arts District becomes a drawing board for 25 local chalk artists in the fan favorite "Chalk the Walk" on July 3. With tons of family friendly activities and chalk for everyone to decorate the streets, you are sure to be inspired by all the amazing artwork that comes to life before your eyes. This year, there will even be a chalk by numbers drawing that you can help with! Applications for chalk artists are being accepted until June 1 and can be found at cantonartsdistrict.com/firstfriday.

The first weekend in August in Canton is all about football and the August 7 First Friday is no different! "In the Zone" First Friday takes place in the heart of Hall of Fame weekend and will be celebrating football and art in our community, with the reveal of ArtsinStark's next piece of the "Eleven Greatest Moments in Football History!" This is the place to be on Friday night with tons of kids' activities including bounce houses, pee-pee paint toss, and football craft projects.

You don't want to miss out on any of the fun that is coming up this summer at Canton First Fridays. Make sure to check our website at cantonartsdistrict.com, and visit downtown businesses to pick up your maps for each evening. Add us on Facebook at Canton First Friday and on Twitter @CantonFirstFri. ♦

Summer Kids Movies at the Palace Theatre



GEORGIA PAXOS//
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CANTON PALACE THEATRE

With the school year coming to a close, many students are getting excited for summer break. Between summer camps, bible school, summer reading challenges, and sports practices it is easy to create a packed summer before break even starts. When the middle of the summer rolls around and it seems like children have exhausted every form of summer activity, it is important to offer new and exciting things for them to do. Look no further than the Canton Palace Theatre! The Canton Palace Theatre is offering a way to beat the heat or stay inside during those summer thunderstorms.

The 2015 Summer Kids Movie Series is a fun way to keep kids busy during the summer and provide a fun and safe entertainment. This series will be running every Monday from June 15 to July 27, with the price of each ticket only being \$1 per person; it is an easy and inexpensive way to see newly released movies. Whether the babysitter is taking the kids on an adventure or you're looking for a family outing, the Canton Palace Theatre Summer Kids Movie Series is the way to go! For a complete list of movies, please visit www.cantonpalacetheatre.org or call us at 330.454.8172. ♦

Canton Symphony Offers Summer Music Camps

The Canton Symphony Orchestra is pleased to offer four summer music camps for budding young musicians. All camps (with the exception of Chamber Music Camp) are run by Rachel Waddell, Assistant Conductor of the Canton Symphony Orchestra, and feature sectionals with Canton Symphony Orchestra musicians. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

BEGINNING STRING CAMP

June 8 - June 12 – Grades 4-6

Intermediate String Camp

June 15 - June 19 – Grades 6-12

Chamber Music Camp –

In partnership with Malone University

June 22 - June 26 – Grades 7-12

Orchestra Intensive

June 29 - July 2 – Grades 6-12

For more information, visit cantonsymphony.org/summermusiccamp. ♦

Canton Greek Fest '15



GEORGIA PAXOS//
ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, located at 251 25th Street, NW in Canton, announces the 2015 Canton Greek Fest Schedule of Events. Canton Greek Fest takes place on the church grounds from June 4 to June 6.

The event includes: Drive-thru service, delectable Greek pastries, traditional Greek dancing, gift store & marketplace, live music by Musicians of Olympus, Wine Sampling Room, and Greek cooking demonstrations.

For a complete schedule and menu visit www.cantongreekfest.com. ♦

Canton to Host Football World Championships



CHELSEA PERRY//MANAGING EDITOR, THE CANTON CONNECTION

FOOTBALL LIVES AND THRIVES IN CANTON, OHIO.

Canton is the birthplace of the NFL, and the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium hosts professional, college, high school, middle school, and youth football games, as well as a myriad of other football-related events throughout the year.

So it only seems right that the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Championships be held in the same place that the sport has flourished over the years. When seeking out potential countries to host the 2015 World Championships, the IFAF chose the United States. When seeking out potential locations within the United States for the games to be held, the IFAF chose Canton.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body, became a member of the IFAF in 2006 and was one of only 21 member nations. However, football has quickly become one of the world's fastest growing sports and the IFAF now boasts 78 member nations spanning six continents, while continuing to grow. In December 2013 the IFAF received provisional recognition from the International Olympic Committee. A vote could be made as early as 2017 to make football an Olympic sport. If approved, football will be a part of the 2024 Olympic Games in a city yet to be determined.

This 10-day championship playoff in Canton will be an event like no other—an American football tournament on a world stage. The tournament will feature eight teams from around the world comprised of men age 20 and up. Four rounds of play



Former Ohio State offensive lineman Jack Mewhort – now with the Indianapolis Colts – leads the U.S. Under-19 National Team onto the field at Fawcett Stadium during the 2009 IFAF Under-19 World Championship. Photo courtesy of USA Football

COVER STORY CONTINUED

will determine the 2015 World Champion. Teams include Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, and the United States, the back-to-back defending champions.

Forty-five players have been selected from current NCAA graduating college seniors, and other football players nominated by their coaches. They are led by Dan Hawkins, former head coach at Boise State and Colorado. The teams will be staying at Walsh University in an Olympic Village-type setting.

If this sounds familiar, it is because during the summer of 2009, the inaugural IFAF Junior World Championships were held in Canton. This tournament consisted of eight teams from around the world in the 19&U age bracket. The United States won.

The World Championships being held this summer have been around for a little longer. The first championship was held in 1999 and has been played every four years since

then. The United States first joined the tournament in 2007. They won that year and then again in 2011. They will be playing for their third consecutive championship this summer.

ECONOMIC BOOST

Hosting world-class events such as the IFAF World Championships will prove to be an economic boost to the Canton area. There will be eight teams, each comprised of about 45 players, along with several coaches, trainers, family, and friends. There will be hundreds of out-of-town visitors that will make Canton their home for the 10 days of the tournament. They will be staying in hotels, shopping, visiting local attractions such as the Pro Football Hall of Fame, National First Ladies' Library, William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, Downtown Arts District, and of course, dining at many of Canton's distinct restaurants.

Mayor Healy is extremely excited to bring these high

*Former University of Mount Union running back Nate Kmic was named Most Valuable Player of the 2011 IFAF Senior World Championship held in Austria. Kmic and his U.S. teammates won four games to claim the gold medal.
Photo courtesy of USA Football*





Eight national teams arrive in Canton, Ohio, this summer for the 2015 IFAF Senior World Championship. The United States is the two-time defending gold medal winner. Canada earned the silver in 2011, while Japan took the bronze during a tournament held in Vienna, Austria. Photo courtesy of USA Football

caliber athletes from all over the world to Canton. One of his areas of focus as Mayor is the development of international relations and direct foreign investments as they relate to boosting the economy in Canton.

“This is a truly exciting time for Canton. We have Japanese companies in Canton, a sister city in Mexico, and now we’re hosting their countries national football teams here, as well,” said Mayor Healy. “It’s wonderful to see the international mix of this exciting event.”

Mayor Healy credits some of the attraction of events like this to the Hall of Fame Village Project. “As this project moves along, I believe we will see many more exciting tournaments and events coming to Canton.”

Canton has stood out among other cities in the United States and the world as the premier location to host the 2015 World Championships, and this is just the beginning. Organizations from all different industries will continue to seek out Canton to host their events, and Canton will be ready when they do.

Go USA! ♦

Tickets for the IFAF World Championships can be purchased at ifafworldchampionship.org. Ticket prices are \$10 for a single-day adult, \$5 for a single day student, senior, or military service member, and \$35 for an all-game pass, good for all 16 games.



Canton Blues Festival



COLLYN FLOYD//CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Northeast Ohio's premier free blues festival, Canton Blues Fest, is back for its 14th year with a jam-packed lineup featuring 17 acts on two stages!

It's all happening on Market Square in downtown Canton on Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, with live music running both days from noon to 10:30pm.

Headlining the event Friday is Tommy Castro and The Painkillers at 8:30pm, with opening act Jimmy Thackery at 6:30pm Saturday's headliner is Albert Castiglia at 8:30pm, with opening act Biscuit Miller at 6:30pm.

If you're looking for the best seat in the house, look no further! VIP passes are available again this year. You'll get the best views of the stage from your VIP seats all day and enjoy free food and beer after 5pm nightly.

This free outdoor summer festival, enjoyed by thousands of concert-goers each year, is presented by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The 2015 Canton Blues Fest is made possible in part by Standard Plumbing and Heating Company and Cormony Development, along with sponsors Aultman, Signature Design & Remodeling, Phil and Nancy Sonner, Superior Beverage, Old Carolina Barbecue and Smoke the Burger Joint, The M. Conley Company, TimkenSteel Corporation, The Repository, The City of Canton, Mix 94.1 and News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, Metro PCS, General RV, and Kimble Recycling and Disposal.

Visit cantonbluesfest.com for a full list of festival performers and to purchase VIP tickets. ♦

Canton Farmers' Market

COLLYN FLOYD//CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Canton Farmers' Market returns this June with fun entertainment, local flavor and the freshest food around! Along with local produce, the market offers baked goods, flowers, honey, cheese, eggs, meat, and much more.

Now in its 12th year, the market opens on June 20 and runs every Saturday through October 17 from 8am to 11:30am at 4th St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW in the Timken High School administrative building parking lot. Plenty of on-site parking is available.

With something "extra" happening most every weekend, you'll enjoy nutrition and health education from Aultman Hospital, cooking demonstrations, live music, organic gardening tips, children's activities, and more! There's always something NEW at the Canton Farmers' Market. With over 25 ven-

dors, along with activities for the whole family, the market is the best way to kick off your weekend. Come down rain or shine!

The market is managed by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and supported by Aultman, The Repository, Mix 94.1 and News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Canton.

Visit cantonfarmersmarket.com for vendor application information, as well as a complete listing of vendors and weekly events. ♦



June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>TREE COMMISSION MEETING 6PM Canton Garden Center</p>	<p>3</p> <p>J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES: 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CANTON GREEK FEST 11AM St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church</p>	<p>5</p> <p>MCKINLEY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW 10AM Fairgrounds</p> <p>GREEK FEST 11AM St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY "NO PLACE LIKE HOME" 6 - 10PM Downtown Canton Arts District</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY FREE FAMILY MOVIE: THE WIZARD OF OZ 7:30PM Canton Palace Theatre</p>	<p>6</p> <p>MCKINLEY KENNEL DOG SHOW 10AM Fairgrounds</p> <p>CANTON GREEK FEST 11AM St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church</p>
7	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES: 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts</p> <p>PARKS COMMISSION MEETING 4PM Garden Center</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>CANTON BLUES FESTIVAL 12PM Market Square</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CANTON BLUES FESTIVAL 12PM Market Square</p>
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	<p>15</p> <p>SUMMER KIDS MOVIE: PADDINGTON 1PM Canton Palace Theatre</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>CANTON BALLET Summer Classes begin</p> <p>J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES: 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts</p> <p>STARKFRESH FILM SERIES: IF YOU BUILD IT 6:30PM Deli Ohio</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High School</p>
21 <i>Father's Day Summer Begins</i>	<p>22</p> <p>SUMMER KIDS MOVIE: PEABODY & SHERMAN 1PM Canton Palace Theatre</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES: 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>THEATRE OF MAGIC 8PM Players Guild Theatre</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High School</p> <p>THEATRE OF MAGIC 8PM Players Guild Theatre</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>SUMMER KIDS MOVIE: THE BOOK OF LIFE 1PM Canton Palace Theatre</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall</p>	30				

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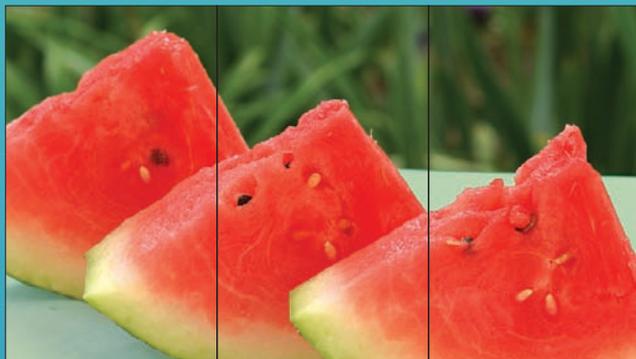
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J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES:
 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts

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FIRST FRIDAY "CHALK THE WALK"
 6 - 10PM Downtown Canton Arts District
FIRST FRIDAY FREE FAMILY MOVIE:
THE GOONIES 7:30PM
 Canton Palace Theatre

4
CANTON FARMERS' MARKET
 8AM Timken High School
A MONUMENTAL 4TH 4PM McKinley National Memorial
Independence Day
 City offices closed; garbage pickup delayed one day

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6
SUMMER KIDS MOVIE:
PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR
 1PM Canton Palace Theatre

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J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES:
 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
 4PM Garden Center

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL
 4PM Stark County Fairgrounds

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL
 4PM Stark County Fairgrounds

11
CANTON FARMERS' MARKET FEATURING COWBOY BILL FERGUSON (Music)
 8AM Timken High School
ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL
 12PM Stark County Fairgrounds

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SUMMER KIDS MOVIE:
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB
 1PM Canton Palace Theatre
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 7:30PM
 Canton City Hall

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CANTON BALLET SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN
J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES:
 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts
STARKFRESH FILM SERIES:
FRESH
 6:30PM Deli Ohio

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CANTON FARMERS' MARKET
 8AM Timken High School

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SUMMER KIDS MOVIE:
SPONGEBOB 2: SPONGE OUT OF WATER
 1PM Canton Palace Theatre

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J-JAMS CONCERT SERIES:
 12PM Cultural Center for the Arts

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CANTON FARMERS' MARKET
 8AM Timken High School

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HOF COMMUNITY PARADE
 2:30PM Downtown Canton

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SUMMER KIDS MOVIE:
ET: EXTRATERRESTRIAL
 1PM Canton Palace Theatre
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 7:30PM
 Canton City Hall

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HOF BALLOON CLASSIC
 6:30AM Kent Stark Campus
HOF MUSIC FEST
 4PM Kent Stark Campus



August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High HOF BALLOON CLASSIC 6:30AM Kent Stark HOF MUSIC FEST 4PM Kent Stark
2 HOF BALLOON CLASSIC 6:30AM Kent Stark Campus CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	3	4	5 LIVE AT LUNCH CONCERT SERIES 12PM Market Square	6 HOF FIRST PLAY 10AM Downtown Canton to Hall of Fame HOF ENSHRINEES' GOLD JACKET DINNER 5:15PM Civic Center	7 HOF PHOTO OP 9:30AM Pro Football HOF HOF FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON 11:30AM Civic Center FIRST FRIDAY "IN THE ZONE" 6 - 10PM Downtown Canton Arts District FIRST FRIDAY FREE FAMILY MOVIE: WE ARE MARSHALL 7:30PM Canton Palace Theatre CONCERT FOR LEGENDS: AEROSMITH 8PM Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium	8 CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High HOF GRAND PARADE 8AM Downtown Canton HOF ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONY 7PM Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium
9 HOF GAME: MINNESOTA VIKINGS V. PITTSBURGH STEELERS 8PM Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	11	12 LIVE AT LUNCH CONCERT SERIES 12PM Market Square PARKS COMMISSION MEETING 4PM Garden Center	13	14	15 CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High School
16	17	18	19 LIVE AT LUNCH CONCERT SERIES 12PM Market Square STARKFRESH FILM SERIES: FOOD STAMPED 6:30PM Deli Ohio	20	21	22 CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High School
23	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall	25	26 LIVE AT LUNCH CONCERT SERIES 12PM Market Square	27 CANTON MUSEUM OF ART presents BEYOND CRAFT: DECORATIVE ARTS FROM THE LEATRICE AND MELVIN B. EAGLE COLLECTION on display until 10/25	28	29 CANTON FARMERS' MARKET 8AM Timken High School
30	31 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM Canton City Hall					

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